Our Lady of the Black Hills

July 4 & 5, 2009 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Fr. Mark

First of all, I wanted to thank all of you for your prayers this past weekend as I took the weekend off to clear, not only my heart, but my mind as well. It gave me the opportunity to rest, pray, read and to simply sit in the sun for a while; and as God said in the story of creation, "and it was very good"!

I wanted to give you an update on my heart, as I met with my cardiologist this past week. I have been having pain on some of my runs, as well as experiencing fatigue lately. At this point, I am trying drug therapy for the next month or so to see if this helps with the angina and fatigue. One of the drugs, which I had already started at the end of May, is supposed to help raise the "HDL", the good cholesterol, which I understand scrubs the "LDL", the bad cholesterol, away from the artery walls. So far my HDL has jumped up 10 points.

So like Job, I am going to be patience in this journey with my heart. I am going to be open to these new drugs; continue to be faithful to my exercises, my vegan / whole foods diet, try to rest more by being faithful to my day off, and most importantly I'm going to surrender my heart again to Christ and let him lead me "to the other side", (Mark 4:35) whatever that might be or mean for me in this spiritual journey. I am laying my heart at the feet of Jesus again.

Again, I appreciate your prayers, thoughts and cards for a healthy heart, not only physical but spiritual.

Fr. Mark

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, July 6
St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr
Genesis 28:10-22a; Psalms 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Matthew 9:18-26 (green/red)
No Morning Daily Liturgy
6:00 pm Mass at the Osnes' Home

Tuesday, July 7
Genesis 32:23-33; Psalms 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Matthew 9:32-38 (green)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Sr. Adrienne Dorn & Sr. Anita Erschens)
10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
4:30 pm Lumko Group (in rectory)
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 8
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7 (green)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Adoration and Reconciliation
7:00 pm: Financial Peace University

Thursday, July 9
St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs
Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 10:7-15 (green/red)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Sr. Antonia Dunn, Sr. Francis Mary Dunn & Sr. Marilyn Dunn)
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus General Meeting
7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study

Friday, July 10
St. Thomas, apostle
Genesis 46:1-7. 28-30; Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 38-40; Matthew 10:16-23 (green)
No Daily Liturgy
8:30 am Women's Lumko Group
9:30 am: Women's Bible Study

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

2 Corinthians 3:17

Saturday Morning, July 11
St. Benedict, abbot
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Matthew 10:24-33 (white)
8:00 am Daily Liturgy (Intention: Sr. Olive Ewalt & Sr. Bernadette Farrell & For Ray & Betty Walz on their 60th Anniversary)
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, July 11
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 7:12-15; Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Ephesians 1:3-14 or Ephesians 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13 (green)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Sr. Ann Foley & Sr. Eileen Ford)

Sunday, July 12
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 7:12-15; Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Ephesians 1:3-14 or Ephesians 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13 (green)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)
10:00 am: Coffee and Donut Hour
10:30 am – 4:30 pm: Women of the Bible Retreat
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Janice Collings)
7:30 pm: Taize Prayer

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns:
Joe Creek, Joni Osnes, Mary Ann Pulaski and Jim Wranek

Repose:
Janice Collings & James Smith

Collection Report
June 27 & 28

Loose	$1,776.92
Envelopes	1,843.00
Votive	5.00
Student	52.02
Duc in Altum	170.00
Total	**$3,846.94**

Mass Ministry Schedule

7/11 & 12	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Lori Ehresmann		
Altar Servers	B. Ehresmann E. Ehresmann Curt Mahaffy	Caitlin Wilson Christian Weaver Jack Tidemann	Gina Czmowski Taylor Thies Jessie Gray
Precious Body	Walt Wilson	Walt Wilson	Walt Wilson
Precious Blood	Nancy Sass Greg Sass S. Strand Katie Stand	Michelle Bucholz Diane Clarke Tom Van Asma Betsy Van Asma	Lorinda Collings Brenda Czmowski Phillip Thompson Curt Lauinger
Lectors	David Strand Carrie Baker	Laura Varilek Pauline Stoffel	Chad Thies C. Denekamp
Sacristans	Craig & Cindy Thompson	Frank & Donna Boner	Brad & Tanya McCaskell
Ushers	Bernard Wiehl Loretta Wiehl	The Weaver Family	Ken Wentz Becky Wentz
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant

OLBH Parish News

Retreat on Women of the Bible at OLBH

Please join us for a one day retreat for both men and women, on Sunday, July 12th from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided and a free will offering will be accepted to help with the cost of lunch. If you are interested in attending this retreat, we ask that you please sign up in the gathering area or call Betsy in the parish office at 787-5168.

Extra, Extra, Read all About It!

The news is out! The National Catholic Youth Conference is scheduled for November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. This conference is scheduled every two years for those who will be in high school in the fall of 2009. The youth who attended the last conference are already on board and can't wait to go! Please contact Teresa Thompson, 787-5168 for more information! I would love to talk to you about this great opportunity! Registration fee: $195.00 (this does not include meals, lodging or transportation). $100.00 deposit, made payable to OLBH due Friday, July 17.

It's a Penny War!

The middle and high school youth are putting on a Penny War between the guy's and gal's to raise funds to help Maria Estrada, who is beginning the process to become a US Citizen. There are designated jars for the guy's and gal's in the Gathering Area. Put pennies in your designated jar to build up your points, but put nickels, dimes, quarters and any bill denomination in the opposing teams to deduct points from them. Grab a sheet off the Penny War table for detailed rules.

Called to Carry Christ!

Looking for OLBH parishioners to share your love of the Eucharist by bringing Christ to patients at the hospital. Perhaps you were a patient and came to know the blessing of His presence. You do not need a medical background, training and support are provided. Scheduling is flexible and you may serve during the day or in the evening. Contact Judy at the Cathedral, 342-0507 ext 14. The Hospital Ministry Coordinator will contact you with additional information.

OLBH Parish News Continued…

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers (organizations, families or individuals) to put on the Sunday morning coffee hours August thru December. Signup sheets are on the counter in the gathering area. The church provides the coffee and funds for the rolls, fruit, etc., come from donations at the coffee hours. It is not much work - make coffee and set up an hour before mass starts and serve the goodies for about an hour after mass. We will meet with the folks that sign up to give them instructions.

Happy Anniversary

You are invited . . . Ray & Betty Walz will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on July 11 at the Piedmont Senior Citizens Center from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at a reception hosted by their daughters Darla and Janet.

Is There a Patron Saint of Fireworks?

Yes, St. Barbara lived in the 4th century and brought up as a heathen. A tyrannical father, Dioscorus, had kept her jealously secluded in a lonely tower which he had built for that purpose. Here, in her forced solitude, she gave herself to prayer and study, and contrived to receive instruction and Baptism in secret by a Christian priest. Her own father, merciless to the last, acted as her executioner. God, however, speedily punished her persecutors. While her soul was being borne by angels to Paradise, a flash of lightning struck Dioscorus, and he was hurried before the judgment seat of God.

Diocesan News

JOB OPENING – ASSISTANT PARISH SECRETARY

The Cathedral has an opening for an assistant secretary to the administrative secretary. The secretary will assist the administrative secretary and Parish Administrator with assigned tasks which will include secretarial work for the various ministries of the parish; preparation and production of weekly bulletin; ordering office supplies; balancing and ordering food certificates; collaborate with staff in other parish ministries and with other diocesan parishes when needed. Position is full time. Degree and/or experience is desirable. Organizational and motivational skills are required. Competitive salary and benefits package available.

Contact Beth at the Rectory office at 605-342-0507 for an application and job description. Resumes can be e-mailed to beth@cathedralolph.org. Completed application and resume can be sent to: Beth Strain, Parish Administrator, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701

Diocesan News Continued…

Cursillo Renewal Workshop

All Cursillistas, please join us for a Cursillo Renewal Workshop on Saturday, July 11 at Blessed Sacrament. We will start with mass at 8:00 am (in the church), followed by our sessions downstairs in room #10 with the closing at 4:00 pm. Lunch is provided. A very good time to review friendships and formation. For more information, please contact Bob or Clarie Melvin by phone at 341-7288.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Music Ministry Alive is Calling all Musicians

From July 28th through August 2nd, in St. Paul, MN. 11th Annual Music Ministry Institute for youth and adults at the College of St. Catherine, presented by a nationally acclaimed team of liturgical musicians, youth ministers, teachers and mentors. The cost is $450 for youth and $400 for adults. The cost does not include transportation. For applications or for more information go to www.musicministryalive.com or call, Katie Severns at 342-0507.

A Weekend of Discovery… A Lifetime of Love!

Plan now to recover from a hectic summer! Calling all married couples looking for a weekend away from the many distractions of the world. Consider attending the next World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend to be held at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD on September 11-13, 2009. Contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or answer any questions. Space is limited.

Ladies, mark your calendar!

Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat - October 23-25, 2009. This year's retreat, "Biblical Women - Guides to the Kingdom of God", will be held at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD and directed by Fr. Mark McCormick. Watch your bulletin for more information or call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

- Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. (Ezekiel 2:4)
- Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mark 6:3,4)

Reflection

- Do Ezekiel, Paul and the Psalmist encounter human weakness?
- How does the spirit overcome this human weakness – by conquering or accepting?
- How does accepting a weakness become strength?

Thus I use up my life in the desire for pleasures, and the thirst for experiences, for power, honor, knowledge, and love, to cloth this false self and construct this nothingness into something that is real. And I wind experiences around myself and cover myself with pleasures and glory like bandages in order to make myself perceptible to myself and to the world, as if I were an invisible body that could only become visible when something visible covered its surface. But there is no substance under the things with which I am clothed. I am hollow, and my structure of ambitions has no foundation.

Merton, Thomas, New *Seeds of Contemplation*, p. 35.

From the Pro-Life Commission

The Pro-Life Office of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided an opportunity for Catholics to urge Congress to maintain widely-supported pro-life laws and oppose the federal funding and promotion of abortion. If you would like to participate in this effort, the text provided by the Pro-Life Office and the mailing and e-mail addresses of our Congressional Representative and Senators are provided at the Rapid City Diocese website at http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/WestRiverCatholic/2009/April/4_ProLife.htm

The Diocesan Pro-Life Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. A sample prayer entitled **Spiritual Adoption Prayer** is as follows: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers."